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Dennis CIPLICKAS et al.

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For: DESIGNING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT TO  
IMPROVE YIELD USING A VARIANT  
DESIGN ELEMENT (AS AMENDED)

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Examiner: V. Siek

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

MS AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated July 17, 2008, (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20080716), for which a response is due on October 17, 2008. Additionally, this response is filed within two months of the mailing date of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.